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1. The West Building Enterprise of the Coal Industry, Mining Work Office, (Przedsiębiorstwo Budowy Zakładów Przemysłu Węglowego Zachod, Zakład Robot Gorniczych) is located on Plac Wolnosc 4, Gliwice (Gleiwitz). This firm builds new shafts and passages in 12 mines. Miners are used solely for coal extraction; all work connected with breaking up coal, construction of passages and new shafts is delegated to state enterprises such as the one mentioned above.
2. In the Zabrze-Wschod coal mine, the construction work is carried out in three shifts, each consisting of 100 men; six passages are constructed simultaneously.
3. [REDACTED] drills with automatic hydraulic absorbers were used. 50X1-HUM
The men preferred to work with these drills since they were easier to use and were better for the operator's health. Since 1951, the [REDACTED] drills, which broke down and whose parts could not be replaced, were withdrawn 50X1-HUM from use and replaced with the Polish [REDACTED] drills, type Belery.¹ 50X1-HUM
These are not provided with dust absorbers and are therefore tiring and injurious to health.
4. Nine workers have to dig a passage 25 by 2.80 by 2.80 meters within a month, remove the stones and make the passage safe. The workers usually complete the norms if they are supplied with the necessary auxiliary material, which includes timber, pit props, drills, barrows, cement, bricks and sand. Very often the workers have had to wait six hours before receiving the necessary supplies. The drills frequently break down, especially when they strike hard rock in the coal seam. Workers often have to wait a couple of hours for a new drill. If a shift encounters difficulties such as these, it cannot complete the norms and instead of earning an average monthly wage of 900 to 950 zlotys, a worker earns merely 400 to 450 zlotys. 50X1-HUM

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